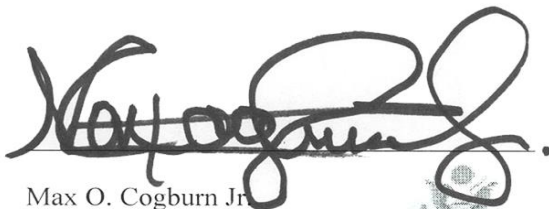


ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees Under EAJA (#20) is **GRANTED**, and the Commissioner of Social Security shall pay to plaintiff, the sum of \$3085.00 under EAJA, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), as attorney's fees. Pursuant to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), these attorney's fees are payable to Plaintiff as the prevailing party, and are subject to offset through the Treasury Department's Offset Program to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff may owe to the government. If, subsequent to the entry of the Court's EAJA Order, the Commissioner determines that Plaintiff owes no debt to the government that would subject this award of attorney fees to offset, the Commissioner may honor Plaintiff's signed assignment of EAJA fees providing for payment of the subject fees to Plaintiff's counsel, rather than to Plaintiff.

If, however, the Commissioner discovers that Plaintiff owes the government any debt subject to offset, the Commissioner shall pay any attorney fees remaining after such offset to Plaintiff, rather than to counsel.

Signed: March 31, 2016



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge